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Desmond Fitzgerald Dies at 57; Was a Deputy Director of C.I.A.

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WASHINGTON, July 23—
Desmond Fitzgerald, a deputy
director of the Central Intelli-
gence Agency, died today at
the age of 57.

Mr. Fitzgerald collapsed dur-
ing a tennis match at his coun-
try residence at The Plains, Va.,
and died en route to the Fau-
quier County Hospital at War-
renton.

He had been an officer with
the C.I.A. since 1951. An Es-
quire magazine article pub-
lished in April, 1966, identified
him as the man in charge of
espionage activities abroad. An
agency spokesman today de-
clined to comment on that.

Mr. Fitzgerald was a law-
yer with the New York firm
of Spence, Hopkins, Walser,
Hotchkiss & Angell before join-
ing the C.I.A.

He enlisted as a private in
the infantry during World
War II, and rose to the rank
of major, serving mainly in
the China-Burma-India theater.

He was liaison officer with
Chinese troops during the
Burma campaign and later was
liaison officer with the Chinese
New Sixth Army in China. He
was operations officer, G-2
Security, in the Chinese combat
command in Nanking during
the last months of his service.

His decorations included the
Bronze Star with Oak Leaf
Cluster, and the Burma and
China Ribbons with battle
stars.

Mr. Fitzgerald was born in
New York. He attended St.
Mark's School at Southboro,
Mass., Harvard College and the

Harvard Law School, where he
received his degree in 1935.

Mr. Fitzgerald was the for-
mer husband of Mrs. Marietta
Tree, who was a member of
the United States delegation
to the United Nations. They
were divorced in 1947.

He was the chairman of the
Committee of Five Million, a
New York reform group that
hoped to defeat Mayor William
O'Dwyer in 1949. Mr. O'Dwyer
was re-elected.

Mr. Fitzgerald is survived by
his widow, Mrs. Barbara Green
Lawrence Fitzgerald; two
daughters, Frances and Joan;
a son, Desmond Jr., and a step-
daughter, Barbara Mary Law-
rence.

FITZ—Gerald, Desmond—Survived at The
Plains, Virginia, age 57, husband of Bar-
bara Green, son of the late Harold and
Eleanor Fitz Gerald, father of Frances,
Joan and Desmond Jr. Step-father of Bar-
bara Lawrence. Brother of Eleanor E.
Francis. St. Mark's School 1928, Harvard
Univ 1932, Harvard Law School 1935.
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